

ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



*Harvest Nears Completion

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RELEASED: November 15, 1999 3:00 p.m.. Temperatures for the state were well above normal for the entire state. Most areas were below normal precipitation for the month. 7.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 16 percent very short, 43 percent short, 41 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included finishing harvesting cotton (some second pickings) and harvesting soybeans and planting wheat. Other activities included preparing land for the planting of annual forages, land leveling, liming pastures, bush hogging, fields were being subsoiled and plowed.

CROPS: All crop harvests were winding down as weather conditions remained excellent for the remaining crops. Winter wheat seeding was well underway with some spotty stands. Fertilizing pastures and shredding of cotton stalks were also reported.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were reported in fair condition. Many farmers continued feeding supplemental hay early this year because of the drought like conditions. Cattle producers continued to market cattle, wean calves, fall calving, and pregnancy check spring bred cows. Cattle were given vaccinations, producers were also planning for Brucellosis vaccinations, treated for external parasites for insect control by dusting and ear tagging cattle. Poultry houses were also being cleaned.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM Harvested								
	100	100	100					
COTTON Harvested								
	100	97	93					
SOYBEANS Shedding Harvested								
	100	100	100					
	93	94	84					
CORN Harvested								
	100	100	100					
WHEAT Planted Emerged				0	1	23	54	22
	86	88	79					
	61	69	63					
ALFALFA				17	30	41	12	0
OTH. HAY				22	35	31	12	0
PASTURE				19	37	37	7	0

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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